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SUBJECT: TAXATION ON INSTRUMENTS OF FOREIGN COMMERCE

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- 1. TAXES, OTHER THAN THOSE LEVIED ON INCOME, ARE NOT IMPOSED DIRECTLY BY GON ON ANY INSTRUMENT OF FOREIGN COMMERCE OF FOREIGN FLAG CARRIERS, I.E., SHIPPING CONTAINERS, VESSELS, AND AIRCRAFT OF ANY TYPE OR THEIR FUEL. (TRAFFIC ON THE NATIONAL RAILWAY SYSTEM DOES NOT EXTEND BEYOND NICARAGUA'S BORDERS.)
- 2. HOWEVER, FOR SHIPS CALLING AT THE PORT OF CORINTO, NICARAGUA'S ONLY DEEP WATER PORT, TWO LOCAL TAXES ARE LEVIED--300 CORDOBAS (APPROXIMATELY US\$42) FOR THE LOCAL BOARD OF CHARITY TAX AND 300 CORDOBAS FOR A LOCAL MUNICIPAL TAX. ALL SHIPS ARE SUBJECT TO THESE TAXES EACH TIME THEY CALL AT THE PORT.
- 3. BOTH THESE TAXES ARE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF CORINTO. THE LOCAL MUNICIPAL TAX IS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET OF THE MUNICIPALITY WHICH IS APPROVED ANNUALLY BY THE GON MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. OTHER MUNCIPALITIES RAISE RELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VENUES SOLELY THROUGH TAXES ON BARS, BILLBOARDS, STORES, ETC., TO PAY FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT. THE LOCAL BOARD OF CHARITY TAX GOES TO SUPPORT THE HOSPITAL INCORINTO WHICH IS PARTIALLY FUNDED BY THE LOCAL BOARD OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE.

4. EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO GON PROVISIONS TO PROPOSE

RETALIATORY TAXES IN EVENT HOST COUNTRY FLAG CARRIERS ARE TAXED BY FOREGIN FLAG STATE OR ITS SUBDIVISIONS. THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE, OF COURSE, THE INITIATION OF SUCH A PROVISION SHOULD THE U.S. COMMENCE TAXING NICARAGUAN FLAG CARRIERS. TUCKER

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